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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby call the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of each of the documents is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

Other applications related to the present invention include:

- US Patent Application No. 09/725,798 (pending)
- US Patent Application No. 09/747,646 (pending)
- US Patent Application No. 09/836,719 (pending)
- US Patent Application No. 09/840,584 (pending)
- US Patent Application No. 09/841,098 (pending)
- US Patent Application No. 09/886,148 (pending)
- US Patent Application No. 09/992,569 (pending)
- US Patent Application No. 10/079,072 (pending)

The family of JP 2000-221942 cited herein includes:

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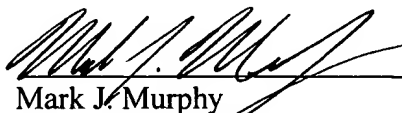
No inference should be drawn that the attached list sets forth a comprehensive investigation of the prior art, that any or all are pertinent to the invention, or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

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Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

A first office action, notice of allowance or issue fee notification has not been received in this case, so Applicant does not believe that a fee is due. However, if any such fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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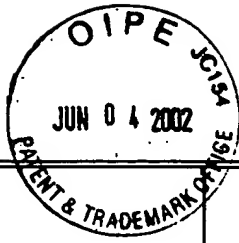
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